

DEAR EDITOR:

Christian belief holds that almighty God created the heavens and the earth and humankind in his image.

We then, as created beings do not have divine authority to elevate or denigrate other created beings based upon skin color, ethnicity, weight, intellect, talent or any other attribute assigned by the creator. Our nation's founders held that equality was intended by God.

Of course, my comments are prompted by the recent Travon Martin/George Zimmerman situation in which a young man lost his life. The one who fired the fatal shot was found not guilty by a jury of his peers.

Our laws are based upon the Ten Commandments. Our judicial system is not perfect and justice is not always blind.

At times, some will differ with a verdict and have the right to voice pleasure or displeasure.

I disagreed with the "not guilty" verdict in the O.J. Simpson case. I accepted it. The news media reported much jubilation and celebration by some.

I agreed with the "not guilty" verdict in the Martin/Zimmerman case and accepted it. The news media reported much displeasure by some.

Some who were displeased by the verdict chose to manifest it in unlawful, violent, terroristic and destructive behavior, some of which was condoned and encouraged by those they look to for leadership.

Such behavior should be dealt with under our system of laws.

Rioting advocates and indeed is the attempt to rule by mob, the antithesis to rule by law.

My hope and my prayer is that we become as our creator intended and that we look to those in leadership whose view of humankind transcends all.

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